



*Embassy of the United States of America
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

WARDEN MESSAGE

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The Embassy requests that wardens pass the following message in its entirety to members of the American Community:

U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, the Consulate General in Dhahran and the Consulate General in Jeddah advise American citizens in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that we have received credible information that an unidentified extremist(s) in Saudi Arabia may be planning to attack Westerners working and living in al-Qasim, Saudi Arabia. The timing and method of potential attacks are currently unknown. The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Consulate General Dhahran and Consulate General Jeddah remind U.S. citizens to exercise prudence and enhanced security awareness at all times.

Most personnel experience relatively few security concerns; however, situations can change suddenly. Regardless of where you are, it is always advisable to keep your security and situational awareness levels high.

Please follow these good security practices:

- Do not be time and place predictable. Vary your routes and times to and from work. Do not frequent the same shops with regularity;

Know where you are going and have a plan of what to do in the event you encounter demonstrations or violence;

Identify safe areas (for example police stations, hospitals, Saudi Government buildings) in your area and how to get to them quickly;

Avoid crowds or large gatherings when traveling in public;

Tell co-workers or neighbors where you're going and when you intend to return;

Minimize your profile while in public;

- Always carry a cell phone and make sure you have emergency numbers pre-programmed into your phone such as the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh (01-488-3800), U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran (03-330-3200) and U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah (02-667-0080). The emergency number for the Saudi Police, Fire, and Rescue is 999.

- Be prepared to postpone or cancel activities for personal safety concerns;

Report all concerns and any demonstrations you may experience to the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh or the Consulates General in Dhahran and Jeddah.

- U.S. citizens are reminded to remain aware of the latest news concerning events within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and neighboring countries (e.g., Yemen conflict).

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American citizens are reminded to keep their registration up-to-date. See <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> for registration information. You can also review earlier Warden Messages at <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/service/advisories-for-americans-in-ksa/warden-messages.html>.

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